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MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Debby Barrett, on March 21, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Debby Barrett, Chairman (R)
Sen. Greg Hinkle, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Edward Walker (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Kevin McCue, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 409, 3/17/2011; SB 410, 3/18/2011

Executive Action: SB 348 - Be concurred in as amended

HEARING ON SB 409

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:29 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 409, Revise methods to establish rental fees and sale of state land cabin sites.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:44 Eugene Hutz, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

00:12:49 Merna Terry, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

00:17:22 Warren Illi, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

EXHIBIT(nas63a01)

00:23:18 Janae Donoghue, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

00:26:13 Lisa Owens, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

EXHIBIT(nas63a02)

00:28:59 Anthony Piscopo, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

00:31:34 Kevin Copp, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

00:33:40 Margaret Morgan, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

EXHIBIT(nas63a03)

00:35:31 Kelly Sloan, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

00:41:39 Bryce Provo, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

00:41:46 Susan Maki, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

00:41:50 John Maki, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

00:41:56 Wendi Castle, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

00:42:02 Robert Betts, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

00:42:09 Tina Provo, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

00:42:16 James Young, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

00:42:20 Carla Young, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

00:42:24 Joyce Corbett, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

00:42:29 Rodd May, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

00:42:35 Kathi Toren, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

00:42:45 Charles Toren, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

00:42:53 Brandi Powell, self

00:42:58 Barbara Cebulski, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:43:17 Mary Sexton, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

EXHIBIT(nas63a04)

00:49:09 Sen. Vincent and Sen. Walker joined the hearing.

00:55:05 Greg Munro, law professor, Montana State Board of Regents and Commissioner of Higher Education

01:02:13 Frank Gilmore, Chancellor, Montana Tech, University of Montana

01:04:16 Janelle Booth, Montana Associated Students (MAS)

01:05:00 Mike Dills, Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU)

EXHIBIT(nas63a05)

01:06:21 Roger Bergmeier, President, MonTrust

EXHIBIT(nas63a06)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:11:13 Sen. Brenden
01:12:29 Dir. Sexton, DNRC
01:14:51 Sen. Wanzenried
01:15:23 Dir. Sexton
01:17:21 Sen. Larsen
01:18:58 Mr. Bergmeier, MonTrust
01:22:12 Sen. Tropila
01:22:36 Mr. Illi, MSLA
01:23:21 Sen. Keane
01:24:25 Dir. Sexton
01:30:41 Sen. Barrett
01:31:04 Dir. Sexton

Closing by Sponsor:

01:34:56 Sen. Tutvedt

HEARING ON SB 410

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:38:53 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 410, Expend PPL v. MT proceeds on higher producing land to benefit public schools.
01:40:51 Sen. Jackson, Sen. Keane, and Sen. Wanzenried left the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:41:40 Mary Sexton, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:44:08 Sen. Tropila
01:44:37 Sen. Brenden
01:46:43 Sen. Tropila
01:47:05 Dir. Sexton, DNRC

01:48:16 Sen. Vincent
01:48:28 Dir. Sexton
01:49:02 Sen. Vincent
01:49:21 Without objection, Tom Schultz, Trust Land Management Division Administrator,
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
01:50:46 Sen. Tropila left the hearing.

Closing by Sponsor:

01:51:20 Sen. Brenden

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 348

01:52:00 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 348 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:52:22 Sen. Barrett

01:53:39 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved that **SB 348 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(nas63a07)

01:54:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Jackson,
Sen. Keane, Sen. Peterson, Sen. Tropila and Sen. Wanzenried voted by proxy.

01:55:33 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved that **SB 348 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:57:09 Sen. Larsen
01:57:57 Sen. Barrett
01:59:30 Sen. Vincent

02:02:03 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-3 by voice vote with Sen. Kaufmann, Sen. Tropila and
Sen. Wanzenried voting no. Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Jackson, Sen. Keane, Sen.
Peterson, Sen. Tropila and Sen. Wanzenried voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:

Kevin McCue, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas63aad.pdf](#))